

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Comm^{ns}
of their Maj^{ties} Plantacōns.

P. R. O.
Colonial
Papers.

The humble Petition of Barbarah
Smith the wife of Cap^t Rich^d Smith
in their Maj^{ties} Province of Mary^d

Sheweth.

That your Petitionrs said husband together with M^r Michaell Tawney high Sheriff there, upon the rising in Maryland for choosing Burgesses in July last having had no knowledge of their Maj^{ties} accession to the Crown, & altogether ignorant of any change of Government in England they chanced to oppose the Elections purely to the end of keeping the Peace, and are well knowne to be very good Protestants not repugnant to Protestant Government.

And for as much as your Petitioner's said husband and M^r Tawney are now Prisoners, and have been ever since the 25th of August last having a great charge of Children neere 100 miles of their habitacōn and in a very indigent Conditōn.

Therefore humbly prays your Lordsp^s Consideracōn of the premises, and in your great pity and compassion grant your Lordp^s. speedy Order for their Discharge.

And your Pet^r as bound shall ever pray etc.

The Peticōn of Barbarah Smith.
1689.

The Narrative of Coll. Henry Darnall late
one of the Councill of the Right Hon^{ble}
the L^d Proprietary of the Province of Mary^l
31st Dec^{er} 1689.

On the 25th of March last Coll: Jowles sent word to the Council (then at S^t Marys) that three thousand Indians were coming down on the Inhabitants, and were at the head of Puttuxent River, and required Arms and Amunition for the people to go against the said Indians, all which was with all expedition sent him by Coll. Digges, the next morning I went up myself to Coll. Jowles, were I found them all in arms, and they told me they heard there was three Thousand Indians at Matapany (from whence I then came) I assured the people it was a false report, & offered myself to goe in person, if they could advise me where any Enemies were, Indians or others, whereat they seemed very well satisfied. I began to suspect this was only a contrivance of some ill minded men who under this pretence would raise the Country, as by what happened afterwards we had reason to believe upon the most diligent search and enquiry into this whole matter, noe Indians any-